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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ROBERT ROSS et al., :

Plaintiffs, :

- against - :

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY et al., :

Defendants. :

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WILLIAM H. PAULEY III, District Judge:


All counsel in this civil action having appeared before the Court for a pretrial conference on December 8, 2004, the following schedule is established on consent of the parties:

1. Defendants shall inform Plaintiffs of any objections to Plaintiffs' use of depositions taken in In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1409, by January 31, 2005;
2. All additional parties shall be joined by February 1, 2005;
3. Any amendments to the pleadings, or an application for an amendment, shall be made by February 1, 2005;
4. Plaintiffs shall file and serve their motion for class certification by February 15, 2005;
5. Defendants shall file and serve their opposition to the motion for class certification by March 22, 2005;
6. Plaintiffs shall file and serve a reply, if any, on the motion for class certification by April 12, 2005;
7. Oral argument on the class certification motion is scheduled for May 13, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.;

8. Plaintiffs' expert reports shall be served by July 15, 2005;
9. All fact discovery shall be completed by August 1, 2005;
10. Plaintiffs are collectively limited to fifteen (15) fact witness depositions;
11. Defendants are collectively limited to fifteen (15) fact witness depositions;
12. The parties shall submit a joint letter to the Court concerning the status of the case, and in particular discovery, by August 15, 2005;
13. Defendants' expert reports shall be served and filed by August 15, 2005;
14. All depositions shall adhere to the seven (7) hour limitation in Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(d)(2);
15. Expert discovery shall be completed by September 30, 2005; and
16. The trial in this action shall commence on January 16, 2006.

Dated: December 9, 2004
New York, New York

SO ORDERED:


WILLIAM H. PAULEY III
U.S.D.J.